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Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Development, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 27, 2018, Steve Vondran, General Counsel, American Tower Corporation ("ATC"), Liz Hill, Vice President for State and Local Affairs, ATC, and the undersigned met separately with Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor, Wireless, Public Safety and International for Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and with Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Brendan Carr.

During the meetings we reiterated ATC's hope that the Commission will strike a reasonable and appropriate balance between the need to deploy infrastructure to facilitate 5G by streamlining local reviews and reducing costs while preserving the right of local communities reasonably to protect local land use values. We also noted that the Commission's 2014 order implementing Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act included aggregate limits on the extent to which new wireless deployments could increase the dimensions of existing structures.

Also discussed was the importance of collocation as an economically and environmentally efficient method to deploy new wireless facilities and the importance of macro towers as a vital component of the 5G wireless ecosystem. Likewise, a need was noted for reasonable siting rules to permit modest increases in the size of the tower compound as new equipment, including for 5G, is hosted on the towers.

ATC's representatives stressed the importance of a shared infrastructure model that makes towers, poles and other structures available for use by all providers.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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